by the two Prime Ministers during the visit of the Chinese Premier to India in April 2005.

(c) A draft Memorandum of Understanding outlining the modalities and scope of functioning of the Steering Committee is under discussion between the Ministries of Science and Technology of the two countries.

**Agreements with Bangladesh**

†3176. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the matters discussed and agreements signed during his visit to Bangladesh in the first week of August;

(b) whether talks were held with Bangladesh regarding border problem, fencing the border, illegal infiltration, anti India camps operating in Bangladesh, Myanmar-Bangladesh - India gas pipeline, Kolkata-Dhaka bus service etc;

(c) if so, the matters regarding which talks were held and the agreements were signed; and

(d) whether any time-bound programme has been formulated to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) During the visit of External Affairs Minister to Bangladesh from 6—8 August 2005, issues pertaining to security, illegal immigration, border fencing, trade and commerce, investments, improving connectivity between the two countries, sharing of water resources, Myanmar-Bangladesh-lndia gas pipeline and UN reforms were discussed. The External Affairs Minister met the Prime Minister, Finance Minister and Leader of Opposition. He called on the Bangladesh Foreign Minister and held delegation level talks. EAM delivered a letter from Prime Minister to the Bangladesh Prime Minister inviting her to visit India. During the visit, the Foreign Secretary of India and Secretary Ministry of Cultural Affairs of Bangladesh signed the Cultural Exchange program for 2005—08.

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